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Mr. John O'Grady U.S. EPA, Region 5, HSRL - 6J 77 W. Jackson Chicago, IL 60604

RE: Fansteel, Inc.

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Dear Mr. O'Grady,

In recent telephone conversations we have discussed the possibility of including the Fansteel site (ILD005130786) in the Engineering Evaluation /Cost Analysis (EE/CA) being performed on the Vacant Lot site (ILD984775437) in North Chicago. Due to the fact that the Fansteel site north of 22nd Street was once under the same ownership and was a part of the same operation as the vacant lot, the Illinois EPA considers these sites to be closely related. The Illinois EPA RCRA Unit has been involved with this Fansteel site in regard to the RCRA closure of a 27,000 gallon hazardous waste storage tank. For these reasons, both the IEPA's RCRA Unit and the Superfund Site Assessment Unit agree with USEPA that the Fansteel site be included in the EE/CA being performed on the Vacant Lot site. In moving forward on this project, both U.S. EPA and Illinois EPA will want to make sure that they coordinate their efforts regarding the EE/CA and the RCRA closure at Fansteel.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If I can provide any additional information please contact me at 217-782-6761.

Sincerely,

Manager, Site Assessment Unit

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